

B. Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

4. (Amended) Connecting element according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the slide (50) slides along a bushing (60) extending through the housing (10).

5. (Amended) Connecting element according to [one of the claims 2 to 4] claim 2, wherein additional recesses (61) for the snapping hooks (53) are provided inside the bushing (60) to preliminary fix the slide (50) for facilitating the connecting of the engaging element (30) with the receiving element (51) in the first position.

5. (Amended) Connecting element according to [claims 4 or 5] claim 4, wherein the bushing (60) is apart from one or more slits (72) for the release lever (55) covered by a cover (70) on the side opposite to the engaging element (30).

7. (Amended) Connecting element according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein a damping element (80) for damping the transmission of vibrations between the two parts (20, 40) is provided inside the housing (10).